

# Stop Confronting Us With the Holy One of Israel!

by Thomas Brooks

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*The sermon emphasizes the terror of God's holiness for sinners and the delight of God's holiness for the righteous.*

**Scripture:** Isaiah 6:3, Isaiah 30:11, Daniel 5:4

**Topics:** "God's Holiness", "The Fear of God"

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## Description

Thomas Brooks emphasizes the dread that unholy people feel in the presence of God's holiness, as expressed in Isaiah 30:11. He notes that many prefer messages of mercy over the challenging truth of God's holiness, which can terrify the unrepentant sinner. However, for those who are holy, the revelation of God's holiness brings joy and satisfaction, as it aligns with their love for God. Brooks asserts that true love for God's holiness leads to a shared experience of His holiness in the believer's life.

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## Transcript

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty!" Isaiah 6:3

Certainly there is nothing which renders God so formidable and dreadful to unholy people--as His holiness does. "Leave this way, get off this path--and stop confronting us with the Holy One of Israel!" Isaiah 30:11.

"Oh that you would not preach so much, nor talk so much to us--of the Holy One of Israel! Oh that you would cease from molesting and vexing us with message upon message from the Holy One! Why can't you talk and preach to us of the merciful One, the compassionate One, the affectionate

One, the pitiful One, etc., and not be still a-talking to us of the Holy One, the Holy One! Oh, we do not like to hear it! Oh, we cannot bear it!"

Nothing strikes the sinner into such a terror as a discourse on the holiness of God; it is as the handwriting upon the wall, Dan. 5:4-6. Nothing makes the head and heart of a sinner to ache like a sermon upon the Holy One. Nothing galls and gripes, nothing stings and terrifies unsanctified ones--like a lively setting forth of the holiness of God, Hab. 1:13.

But to holy souls, there are no discourses which more suit them and satisfy them, which more delight and content them, which more please and profit them--than those do, which most fully and powerfully reveal God to be glorious in holiness. Well, this is an everlasting truth--he who truly loves the holiness of God, and loves God for His holiness--is certainly made partaker of His holiness.

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